

Chapter 25

RAILROAD UTILITY COORDINATION

GENERAL

Coordinating with a railroad company should be done through the Region Railroad Coordinator.

This chapter offers some information that might be useful if you have a railroad on your project. This chapter does not replace the need for involvement by the Region Railroad Coordinator; it is merely a place for railroad information that may be of value to a designer or utility coordinator.

Most railroads are not members of Diggers Hotline and as such they must be contacted separately regarding locating issues. In addition to railroad-related facilities such as buried signal wires; many railroads have entered the right-of-way marketplace for longitudinal installations of fiber optic cable, electrical transmission lines and other facilities. There are numerous long distance fiber optic cables and other facilities in Wisconsin located on railroad right-of-way.

Since the railroads are not members of Diggers Hotline, the contact information for each railroads' "Call Before You Dig!" service should be included on the General Notes page of the highway plan and in the special provisions of the highway contract. Contact the Region Railroad Coordinator to verify the current contact information.

Utility coordination must include fiber optic lines that may be located along any railroad. For the Union Pacific Railroad Company, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company or Soo Line Railroad Company (d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway), **specific language must be placed in the "Utilities" article of the Special Provisions.** See the "Designer Notes" in STSP 107-026 or STSP 107-034 for the required wording. Other railroad companies do not have specific one-call fiber optic offices and the contact person may vary from project to project, however similar fiber optic coordination language referencing Diggers Hotline should be included when necessary.

[Figure 25-1](#) is a list of **railroad contacts**. NOTE: Do not contact the railroad directly unless told to do so by the Region Railroad Coordinator. [Figure 25-2](#) is a list of **railroad emergency contact numbers**.

For **information on surveying on railroad property**, see Facilities Development Manual [Procedure 9-10-6](#).

Old **railroad right-of-way** maps have been scanned and are available on CD's. The CDs are also available on the LAN at "[mad00fp4\N4Public\brh\OCR plats\Z-PDF-Railroads](#)." There you will find 4 CDs. Open one of the CDs and view the table of contents to determine if that is the one you are looking for. The table of contents has links to the maps. The maps are not current and actual railroad ownership may be different than what is shown on the maps.

Administrative Rule PSC 132, "Compensation and Conditions for Public Utility Facilities within Railroad Right-of-way," should be consulted for information on placing utility facilities on railroad lands. Please note that PSC 132.03(1)(a) states, "*Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties and subject to sub. (2), a public utility which locates its facilities within the right-of-way of a railroad shall compensate the railroad \$500 for each crossing.*"

The Region Railroad Coordinator and the Railroad Coordination Handbook should be consulted for additional guidance on placing utility facilities and highway appurtenances above, below, or near railroad tracks or railroad property.

ROSTER OF RAILROAD OFFICIALS

1. Amtrak/National. Railroad Passenger Corp. (NRPC Emergency) 1-800-424-0217

Wick Leatherwood **Insurance** 202-383-3770

Jim Barber

Director, Intergovernmental Affairs

400 N. Capitol St. N W

Washington, D.C. 20001

Ray Lang

312-880-5337

Director, Communications

FAX 312-880-5167

Intercity Rail Service

210 S. Canal Street, Room 544

Chicago, IL 60606

Steve McClarty, General Manager

312-880-5217

Chicago Hub Product Line

FAX 312-880-5176

210 S. Canal Street, Room 450

Chicago, IL 60606

Robert Werth

414-271-9470

Road Foreman

FAX 414-271-1446

Intercity Rail Service

433 West St. Paul Avenue, Room 112

Milwaukee, WI 53203-3097

2. The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co. Emergency 1-800-832-5452

Spencer Arndt, Assistant Director of Public Projects 763-782-3478

80 - 44th Avenue NE

FAX 763-782-3061

Minneapolis, MN 55421

CELLULAR 612-578-1386

Cheryl Townlian – Mgr Public Projects, (WisDOT Districts 1,5,6)

417-829-4954

3253 E. Chestnut

FAX 417-829-4998

Springfield, MO 65802

CELL 417-848-7035

Roger Schwinghammer

651-415-2710

Staubach Global Services

FAX 651-481-9361

4105 Lexington Ave, Suite 200

E-mail roger_schwinghammer@staubach.com

Arden Hills, MN 55126

Brian J. Sweeny, Director Government Affairs

651-298-2458

325 Cedar St.

FAX 651-298-7352

St. Paul, MN 55101

Insurance: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, 4501 Kansas Ave, Kansas City KS, 66106, Attn: Maintenance Field Support – Insurance Approvals

“Call Before You Dig”

1-800-533-2891 (RR owned signal lines only)

3. Canadian National Railway Company Owner of WCL, DM&IR, FVW & SSM Br. Co

DWP District

Emergency

Chuck Vanderscheuren, Trans Supv
3192 S. Pokegama Rd
Superior, WI 54880

218-726-9288
218-726-9207
FAX 218-726-9228

Wisconsin Central Division

Emergency & Signal Malfunction

1-800-616-3432 or 715-345-2461

“Call Before You Dig” Christine Grzesiak 1-715-345-2506 (RR owned signal lines only)

4. Canadian Pacific Railway Company

Emergency

1-800-716-9132
1-800-766-4357

Agreements use Soo Line Railroad Company

Soo Line Bldg,
501 Marquette Ave South, 55402
P.O. Box 530, 55440
Minneapolis, MN

Jim Thomas, Manager, Signals & Communications

630-860-4430

Jim Krieger – Engr. Public Works

Insurance

612-904-5994

“Call Before You Dig” 1-888-625-8702 (RR owned fiber optic & signal lines only)

6. East Troy Electric Railroad

Emergency

Paul J. Averdung, President
2002 Church St
East Troy, WI 53120

414-543-3581
262-642-3263

7. Escanaba and Lake Superior Railroad Company

Emergency

J. C. Larkin, President
Escanaba and Lake Superior Railroad Co
125 South 1st Street
Wells, MI 49894

906-542-3214
906-786-0693
FAX 906-786-8012

Tom Klimek, Dir-Marketing, Customer Services
Green Bay Operations
Escanaba and Lake Superior Railroad Company
P. O. Box 85, 529 S. Jefferson St, Suite 108

920-435-8006
FAX 920-435-6281

Green Bay, WI 54305 FAX 920-435-6281

Robert Cook, Signal Maintainer 906-774-9684
N4129 County Road 607
Iron Mountain, MI49801

Signal Problems 906-542-3214 – After Hours – 906-774-9684

8. Iowa, Chicago & Eastern Railroad Corporation

Emergency 1-800-339-1080

Steven O. Scharnweber, Vice President – Engineering
Beth Lynn, Office Engineer (insurance/crossing & structure agreements) 605-782-1550
IC&E Railroad Corporation
140 N. Phillips Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Dean Holloway, Director of Maintenance 563-441-5913
2435 E Kimberly Rd, Suite 45 Fax 563-441-7558
Bettendorf, IA 52722

Signal Problems 1-800-339-1080

9. Mid-Continent Rwy. Historical Society, Inc. Emergency 608-522-4261

Don Meyer, General Manager 608-522-4621
P.O. Box 55
North Freedom, WI 53951

Signal Problems 1-800-472-4465

10. Tomahawk Railway Limited Partnership

Emergency 1-715-453-2303 1-715-453-3822 After hours

Susan Klinger, Asst. General Manager 715-453-2303
P.O. Box 130, South Marinette Street
Tomahawk, WI 54487

11. Union Pacific Railroad Company

Emergency 1-888-877-7267

David Peterson, Sr. Mgr. Ind. & Public Projects 402-544-5891
1400 Douglas St. Mail Stop 910 FAX 402-233-3079
Omaha, NE 68179

Mike Payette, ASST VP 312-777-2000
Government Affairs - Central Region FAX 312-777-2020
101 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1920
Chicago, IL 60606

Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Attorney 312-777-2055
Union Pacific Railroad FAX 312-777-2065
101 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1920
Chicago, IL 60606

**“Call Before You Dig”
Signal Problems**

**1-800-336-9193 (All Fiber Optic Lines)
1-800-848-8715**

12. Wisconsin Great Northern

Greg Vreeland, General Manager
PO Box 46
Spooner, WI 54801

715-635-3200
FAX 715-635-3202

**13. Wisconsin and Southern Railroad Company
Emergency**

414-438-8837 After Hours 414-690-9850

William Gardner, President
5300 N. 33rd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53209-9229

414-438-8820
FAX 414-438-8826

Insurance: Tim Karp

414-438-8820

Ben Meighan, Superintendent of Maintenance
Wisconsin and Southern Railroad Co
1890 E. Johnson St
Madison, WI 53704
Dispatcher

414-750-6412
FAX 608-243-9225
Cell 414-750-6405
414-438-8838 ext. 223

Signal Problems

1-800-472-4465

MISCELLANEOUS

Office of the Commissioner of Railroads (OCR)

610 North Whitney Way
P. O. Box 8968
Madison, WI 53708-8968
Rodney Kreunen, Commissioner

608-266-7607
FAX 608-261-8220
608-266-3182

Doug Wood Hearing Examiner
Tom Running

608-266-9536
608-266-7607

FRA

Federal Railroad Administration Region 4
200 West Adams Street, Suite 310
Chicago, IL 60606

312-353-6203
Fax 312-886-9634

Wisconsin Railroad Assn

Bill Gerard
44 E. Mifflin Suite 102
Madison, WI 53703

608-258-3700

Railroad Emergency Contact Numbers

Amtrak
National Operations
1-302-683-2105

Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway
1-800-832-5452

Canadian Pacific Railway
1-800-766-4357 or 1-800-716-9132

Canadian National Railway
Wisconsin Central Division
(Includes Wisconsin Central; Fox Valley & Western Ltd.; Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Co.; Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range Railway; Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific)
1-800-616-3432 or 1-715-345-2461

East Troy Railroad
1-262-642-3263 ext. 2 or 1-414-543-3581

Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad
1-906-542-3214 Emergency & Signal Problems
1-906-774-9684 After hours

Iowa, Chicago & Eastern Railroad Corporation
1-800-339-1080

Mid Continent Railroad
1-800-472-4465 Signal Problems
1-608-522-4261 Emergency

Tomahawk Railway
1-715-453-2303
1-715-453-3822
1-715-453-8358 After hours

Union Pacific Railroad
1-800-848-8715 Signal Problems
1-888-877-7267 Emergency

Wisconsin & Southern Railroad
1-414-438-8837 Emergency
1-414-690-9850 After hours
1-800-472-4465 Signal problems